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HEALTH REPORT FOR 1943

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Health Report for the year 1943, this being the twenty-first one submitted by me as your Medical Officer of Health.

The population of the District, as estimated by the Registrar-General for mid-year 1943, was 29,190, as compared with 29,920 last year.

The Birth Rate for the year again showed an increase, the Rate for 1943 being 18·3 per thousand of population, as against 16·4 last year.

There was a slight increase in the Death Rate, this being 12·4 per thousand of population, as against 11·9 last year.
There was a large decrease in the Infantile Mortality Rate, viz.: 29 per thousand births, as compared with 52 last year. Owing to the small figures involved, this Rate is liable to fluctuate.

An increase took place in the number of cases of Infectious Disease notified, the number of notification certificates received being 896, as against 441 last year. This increase is mainly due to a much larger number of cases of Measles being notified.

In presenting this Report I desire to express my appreciation for the help and assistance I have received from the Council and its Officers, and in particular I would like to express my thanks for the loyal and efficient services rendered by all members of the Public Health Department.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
P. N. CAVE,
Medical Officer of Health.

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Mrs. V. M. BUCKLE.

Clerk:

Mrs. D. NEATE.

STATISTICS & SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	62,957
Registrar-General's estimate of population, mid-1943	29,190
Number of occupied houses, December 1943 ...	8,786
Sum represented by a penny rate, December 1943	£840
Rateable Value, December 1943	£203,397

VITAL STATISTICS.

	Total.	M.	F.	Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated population.
Live Births:				
Legitimate ...	498	259	239	
Illegitimate ...	38	19	19	
	536	298	258	18·3

				Rate per 1,000 (live and still) births.
Still-births ...	17	5	12	30

				Rate per 1,000 of estimated population.
Deaths	362	178	184	12·4

Deaths from puerperal causes:—

	No. of Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 live and still) births.
Puerperal sepsis	–	–
Other puerperal causes ...	1	1·8
Total	1	1·8

Death rate of infants under one year of age:—	
All infants per 1,000 live births	29
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ...	24
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	105
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	58
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) ...	1

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births.—During the year 536 Births were registered as occurring belonging to the District, of which number 298 were males and 258 were females. This is equal to a Birth Rate of 18·3 per thousand of population, as compared with 16·4 last year.

Deaths.—The number of Deaths registered as belonging to the District was 362 (178 males and 184 females). This gives a Death Rate of 12·4 per thousand of population, as against 11·9 last year.

Infant Deaths.—The number of deaths occurring in infants under one year of age was 16, 12 of which occurred in legitimate and 4 in illegitimate infants. The Infantile Mortality Rate was equal to 29 per thousand live births.

	Sevenoaks Rural District.	England and Wales.
Birth Rate	18·3	16·5
Death Rate	12·4	12·1
Infantile Mortality Rate ...	29	49

BIRTH RATES, CIVILIAN DEATH RATES, ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY, MATERNAL MORTALITY AND CASE RATES for certain Infectious Diseases in the Year 1943.

	England and Wales	126 County Boro's. and Great Towns including London	148 Smaller Towns Resident Populations 25,000 to 50,000, 1931 Census	London Administrative County	Sevenoaks Rural District
	*Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population				
BIRTHS:					
Live	16.5	18.6	19.4	15.8	18.3
Still	0.5	0.63	0.61	0.45	
DEATHS:					
All Causes	12.1	14.2	12.7	15.0	12.4
Typhoid and Paratyphoid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	—
Scarlet Fever	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	—
Whooping Cough	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	—
Diphtheria	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.34
Influenza	0.37	0.36	0.37	0.27	—
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	—
	Rates per 1,000 Live Births				
Deaths under one year of age	49	58	46	58	29
Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis under two years of age	5.3	7.9	4.4	10.4	1.8
	*Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population				
NOTIFICATIONS					
Typhoid Fever	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.03
Paratyphoid Fever ...	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.06
Cerebro Spinal Fever ...	0.08	0.10	0.06	0.09	—
Scarlet Fever	3.01	3.29	3.54	3.80	1.91
Whooping Cough	2.54	2.82	2.25	2.68	—
Diphtheria	0.88	1.12	0.77	0.74	0.95
Erysipelas	0.31	0.35	0.27	0.42	0.27
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	9.88	9.23	9.77	9.17	18.6
Pneumonia	1.34	1.62	1.16	1.27	1.8
	Rates per 1,000 Total Births (i.e. Live and Still)				
NOTIFICATIONS:					
Puerperal Fever	11.68	15.11	9.26	3.05	1.8
Puerperal Pyrexia				15.23	

*A dash —) signifies that there were no Deaths

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The following Table shows the number of cases notified, the number removed to hospital, and the total deaths:—

Disease	Number notified	Removed to Hospital		Total Deaths
		Otford	Oak Lane	
Scarlet Fever	56	54	...	...
Diphtheria	28	...	26	...
Typhoid Fever	1	...	1	...
Paratyphoid Fever	2	...	2	...
Erysipelas	8	...	...	...
Pneumonia	54	...	...	22*
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	...	...	...
Dysentery	2	1	...	...
Measles	544	...	...	...
TOTALS	696	55	29	22

*all forms

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

The following Table shows the work done at the Diphtheria Immunisation Clinic during the year:—

Number of sessions held	49
Number of attendances	1,114
Number of new cases	616

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

No cases were notified during the year.

TUBERCULOSIS.

The following Table shows the number of new cases notified during the year, together with the number of deaths:—

	Notified			Deaths		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Pulmonary ...	10	12	22	7	2	9
Non-Pulmonary	5	5	10	1		1
Total	15	17	32	8	2	10

The treatment for cases of Tuberculosis is carried out by the Kent County Council, and during the year the following number of cases from this District have received treatment:

Number receiving sanatorium treatment	22
Number receiving dispensary treatment	33
Dispensary supervision only	60

LABORATORY WORK.

The County Laboratory, Maidstone, carries out the bacteriological work in connection with this District, and during the year the following number of specimens have been examined there:—

	Positive	Negative	Total.
Swabs for Diphtheria	22	28	50
Swabs for Haemolytic Streptococci ...	7	18	25
Widals for Typhoid Fever	—	1	1
Faeces for Dysentery, etc.	13	54	67
Sputa for Tuberculosis	21	—	21
Totals	63	101	164

ISOLATION HOSPITALS.

Two Isolation Hospitals serve this District, viz.: The North and South Isolation Hospitals.

DRAINAGE.

No extensions of the sewers or alteration in the drainage system took place during the year.

DRAINAGE WORK.

Southern Area.

Hever.—Syliards Farm: 180 feet 4in. drain. Necessary chambers, covers and vent. New double-chambered septic tank. 2 w.c.'s and flushes. Bath and sink.

Edenbridge.—Greybury Farm, Marsh Green: 225 feet 4in. drain. Necessary chambers, covers and vent. 1 w.c., sink, bath, 3 gullies. Very large double-chambered septic tank.

Cowden.—Wickens Farm: New cesspool with dip-pipes. 150 feet of 4in. land drain laid in 1 foot clinker.

Hever.—Sandfields House: Cesspool, 150 feet of 4in. land drain laid in 1 foot clinker.

Northern Area.

Brasted.—12 feet of 4in. drain connecting w.c. to combined drain. Rice's Stores, High Street.

Chevening.—120 feet of 4in. drain connecting cowshed to existing cesspool. Salters Heath Farm.

Sundridge.—34 feet of 4in. drain connecting cowshed to existing cesspool. Shootfields Farm.

SANITARY STATISTICS.

No. of houses connected to the sewer	No. of houses not connected to sewer	No. of houses not provided with a piped water supply	No. of wells still in use for purpose of domestic supply
5663 (approx)	3421 (approx)	888	270 (approx)

SANITARY CONVENIENCES.

W. C's	Pan or pail Closets	Midden Privies	Ashpits separate from Midden Privies	Cesspools	
				No. of	No. of houses into
8378	682	39	113	2831	1430

CESSPOOL EMPTYING.

A scheme for the emptying of cesspools was put into operation in February, 1936. The cesspool contents are disposed of by spreading over farm land at certain selected points, and no complaints were received.

With the intensive cultivation of land, difficulties have been experienced in obtaining suitable and safe sites for disposal. Military occupation of premises has again had a considerable effect in increasing the number of emptyings and it has been necessary for an appreciable amount of overtime to be worked. The total number of cesspools emptied during the year showed an increase of 278 above the number dealt with in 1942.

Details of the work are set out below:—

CESSPOOL MACHINES.

Total cesspools emptied ...	1,427
Number of 750-gallon loads	2,798
Gallons of sewage ...	2,098,500
Miles travelled	12,265
Petrol consumed (gallons)	1,953
Miles per gallon (including petrol for vacuum)	6·28
Number of working days	264
Cesspools emptied per day	5·405
Petrol per day	7·397

NUMBER OF CESSPOOLS EMPTIED DURING 1943 IN EACH PARISH.

	Free.	Charge.
Brasted	49	12
Chevening	21	1
Chiddingstone	31	5
Cowden	21	1
Edenbridge	112	19
Seal	136	12
Weald	86	4
Shoreham	37	1
Sundridge	59	2
Westerham	66	190
Hever	71	21
Leigh	24	—
Kemsing	60	6
Otford	97	10
Penshurst	64	—
Riverhead	9	35
Halstead	140	11
Dunton Green	5	1
Miscellaneous	—	8
	1,088	339

WATER SUPPLY.

There were no large extensions to the mains carried out during the year.

Samples taken	Bacteriological examinations		Chemical examinations		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Company's water	South	114		—	100	14
	North	23		—	23	—
Wells and springs...		—	South	6	5	1
Special Samples for Paratyphoid.....	North	2		—	2	—
Stream water used for dairy farm washing.....		—	North	1	—	1
Totals		139		7	130	16

Northern Area.—There are approximately 11% of the dwellings in the area which are not served with a main water supply. These dwellings are for the most part isolated cottages and are widely spread over the area. The supply to these dwellings is by well and bucket or stored rainwater.

	Number of houses.	Number with piped supply.	Number without piped supply.
Brasted	408	338	70
Chevening	479	394	85
Dunton Green	488	480	8
Halstead	256	252	4
Kemsing	621	611	10
Otford	635	561	74
Riverhead	325	323	2
Seal	556	451	105
Shoreham	582	444	138
Sundridge	538	457	81
Westerham	1,070	993	77
	5,958	5,304	654

Southern Area.—There is no instance in the whole of the Southern Area where there are more than about three houses together where the water is derived from wells. There is definitely no instance where a block of, say, six to ten cottages occur together where the laying or extensions of mains is warranted. Most of these places are scattered about over all the area.

	Number of houses.	Number with piped water supply.	Number with wells, springs or tanks.
Chiddingstone ...	289	250	48
Cowden	220	204	16
Edenbridge	1,082	1,066	16
Hever	267	248	19
Leigh	369	350	19
Penshurst	454	356	98
Sevenoaks Weald .	290	273	17

HOUSE REFUSE AND SALVAGE COLLECTION.

The collection of house refuse and salvage is carried out by direct labour, four vehicles being employed, while a reconditioned lorry obtained in 1941 is used exclusively for the collection of salvage from village dumps and from premises where the amount of salvage is too great to be collected by the house refuse vehicles on their routine collections.

The major difficulties again experienced during the year have been staff replacements. Three women are still employed, while the remainder of the staff consist of men over military age or unfit for military service.

Salvage collection has again received much attention, and while, as anticipated, there was a slight reduction in the amount, 335 tons of general salvage was disposed of, the approximate receipts being £1,256. In addition, 124 tons was disposed of by voluntary organisations. As complete returns are not available from all organisations, the actual amount is no doubt in excess of this figure.

The organisations sell the material collected and devote the proceeds to various charities.

Great assistance has again been rendered by Salvage Stewards and schoolchildren, particularly in the more isolated parts of the District.

	Bedford No. 1	Bedford No. 2	Bedford No. 3	Bedford No. 4
Miles travelled	5,567	6,284	7,053	4,914
Petrol consumed (gallons)	708	865	843	769
Miles per gallon	7.863	7.264	8.366	6.39
Loads collected	500	356½	309	312½
Average of each load ...	7 cu. yds.	7 cu. yds.	7 cu. yds.	7 cu. yds.
Average weight per load (varying)	2 tons	2 tons	2 tons	2 tons

HOUSING.

1.—Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year.

(1) (a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 226

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 226

(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 8

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 8

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 1

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 225

2.—Remedy of Defects during the Year without service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 74

3.—Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

(a) Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs... Nil

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:

(a) By owners ... ... Nil

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners Nil

(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 17

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:

(a) By owners 14

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners Nil

(c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 1

(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 1
Dwelling-house demolished voluntarily by Owner 1

(d) Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... ... Nil

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... ... Nil

4.—Housing Act, 1936: Part IV—Overcrowding.

(a) (i) Number of dwelling-houses overcrowded at end of year 23

(ii) Number of families dwelling therein 26

(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein 140

(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ... ... Nil

(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year 1

(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases 8

(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding:

None to our knowledge.

(e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which you may consider it desirable to report:

We are not aware, other than the cases quoted above, of any serious overcrowding in the District. Many families have returned to their original dwelling place Most of the cases quoted above are not "acute."

Number of new houses erected during the year:—

By the Local Authority: None.

By other persons: 1 temporary, 1 house converted into 2 flats.

Three applications were made by tenants for Certificates as to fitness or otherwise of dwelling-houses under the Rent and Mortgage Restrictions Act, and the same were issued.

SANITARY STAFF.

Two full-time Sanitary Inspectors are employed by the Council, together with an Assistant Salvage Officer and an unqualified assistant for the Northern Area.

Mr. E. J. A. Bettle holds the additional appointment as A.R.P. Training Officer, and is also responsible for the decontamination of food, clothing, vehicles, equipment, etc., and as a consequence a considerable amount of his time has again been devoted to Civil Defence duties. Refresher training for Food Treatment and Clothing Squads was carried out during the year.

Sixty-eight visits were made in connection with Civil Defence duties; 17 lectures and demonstrations were given during office hours, and 36 lectures and demonstrations were given out of office hours, making a total of 53.

HEALTH VISITOR.

One full-time Health Visitor is employed by the Council, and works under the supervision of the Medical Officer of Health.

During the year she paid a total of 1,022 visits.

	Cases visited.	No. of visits paid.
Tuberculosis—		
Primary: Pulmonary	20	20
Non-Pulmonary	9	9
Re-visits: Pulmonary		122
Measles	204	479
Scarlet Fever	39	78
Diphtheria	26	84
Other visits		167

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

The Maternity and Child Welfare work in this area is under the control of the Kent County Council.

The following Clinics and Centres have been established for this District:—

ANTE-NATAL CLINICS

Dunton Green	Village Hall	3rd Wednesday.
Edenbridge	War Mem. Hospital	1st Wednesday.
Kemsing	St. Edith's Hall	2nd Tuesday.
Sundridge	Village Hall	3rd Monday.

POST-NATAL CLINIC

Kemsing	St. Edith's Hall	4th Monday.

CHILD WELFARE CENTRES

Crockham Hill	Newlands	4th Friday.
Dunton Green	Village Hall	2nd & 4th Wednesday.
Edenbridge	Church House	1st & 3rd Friday.
Four Elms	Village Hall	2nd & 4th Wednesday.
Halstead	Village Hall	1st & 3rd Thursday.
Kemsing	St. Edith's Hall	1st, 3rd & 4th Tuesday.
Leigh	Village Hall	1st & 3rd Tuesday.
Markbeech (Hever)	Village Hall	2nd & 4th Tuesday.
Otford	Memorial Hall	2nd & 4th Friday.
Penshurst	Village Hall	1st & 3rd Wednesday
Seal	Village Hall	2nd & 4th Tuesday.
Shoreham	Church Rooms	2nd & 4th Thursday.
Brasted & Sundridge	Sundridge Village Hall	1st & 3rd Tuesday.
Weald	Windmill Inn	2nd & 4th Thursday.
Westerham	Women's Institute	1st & 3rd Thursday.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

There are five Swimming Baths and Pools in the District.

During the year 3 inspections in the Southern Area and 5 inspections in the Northern Area were made.

It was not found necessary to take any action during the year.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

During the year the following number of houses were found to be infested:—

	Northern Area.	Southern Area.
Council houses	1	–
Other houses	2	1

All the houses were disinfested, and in addition one Wardens Post in the Northern Area was disinfested.

The method employed was by "Roxem" T.C.Y. Insecticide in conjunction with sulphur candles.

In addition to the above, four private houses were treated for beetles and one Wardens Post for fleas.

NURSING FACILITIES.

The nursing facilities for this District are provided by the District Nursing Association, which is affiliated to the Kent County Nursing Association.

NURSING & MATERNITY HOMES.

The powers under the Public Health Act, 1936, relating to Nursing and Maternity Homes have been delegated by the County Council to the District Council.

There are three registered premises within the District, which provide one bed for maternity cases and 22 beds for other cases.

REGULATED TRADES.

	No. of Premises	Visits Paid	Defects	
			Found	Remedied
Dairies.	125	703	2	2
Cowsheds.	226		8	3
Slaughterhouses				
Licensed	9	...	...	...
Registered	18	...	...	...
Bakehouses.	23	41	3	3
Piggeries	5	8	...	...
Other food preparing places	62	175	1	1
Factories. Workshops	200	94	3	3
Workplaces.	8	5	...	...
Common Lodging Houses	...	...	...	...
Houses-Let-in-Lodgings	1	1	...	...
TOTALS	677	1027	17	12

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER, 1936.

The Council has granted the following number of licences under the above Order during the year:—

Pasteurised	1
Accredited (supplemental)	1
Tuberculin Tested (supplemental)	5
Pasteurised (supplemental)	1

MILK SUPPLY.

The following Table shows the particulars of milk samples examined at the County Laboratory, Maidstone, during the year:—

Designation.	Reason for examination.	Number taken.	Positive.	Negative.	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Tuberculin Tested	Routine Examination	S. 36			28	8
		N. 104			67	37
Accredited	Routine Examination	S. 121			98	23
		N. 72			52	20
Accredited supplied to schools	Routine Examination	S. 7			7	Nil
		N. 13			13	Nil
Pure New Milk supplied to schools	Routine Examination	S. 6			5	1
		N. 10			10	Nil
Accredited	To ascertain if infected with T.B. Bacilli	S. 9	Nil	9	–	–
		N. 4	Nil	4	–	–
T.T.	—	N. 2	–	2	–	–
Pure New Milk	To ascertain if infected with T.B. Bacilli	S. 8	Nil	8	–	–
		N. 7	Nil	7	–	–
Special Samples.						
Accredited	For Para-typhoid Bacilli	S. 2	Nil	2	–	–
Pure New Milk	For Para-typhoid Bacilli	N. 2	Nil	2	–	–
Pure New Milk	For Bacteria Count	N. 1			1	
	Totals	402		34	281	89

S.—Southern Area. N.—Northern Area.

MEAT & OTHER FOODS.

The following amount of foodstuffs found to be unfit for human consumption was destroyed during the year:—

NORTHERN AREA

MEAT	Weight
Bacon	43¾ lbs.
Cooked Ham	30½ ,,
Imported Beef	45 ,,
Pig's Head	25 ,,
Total Weight	143¼ lbs.

FISH	Weight
Cod Fillets	5 stone
Whiting	5 ,,
Lemon Soles	14 ,,
Total Weight	24 stone

(a)

TINNED MEAT	Tins
Corned Beef	71
Luncheon Meat	10
Sausage Meat	42
Ox Tongue	1
Chopped Ham	8
"Spam"	8
Pressed Meat	1
Casserole Steak	4
Total tins	145

(b)

TINNED FISH	Tins
Pilchards	85
Salmon	120
Herrings	7
Total tins	212

(c)

OTHER CONDEMNED TINNED FOODSTUFFS	Tins
Semolina	48
Chocolate Semolina	78
Beef Stew	6
Sandwich Spread	1
Cake Mixture	29
Soup	1
Jam	1
Beans	4
Condensed Milk	7
Evaporated Milk	10
Plums	6
Peas	3
Potatoes	5
Fish Cakes	1
Total tins	200

Combined totals of all tinned foodstuffs: 557 tins.

(d)

MISCELLANEOUS

8 lbs. of Cheese
30 Meat Pies
32 cwts. of Swedes

PIGS SLAUGHTERED under licence from Local Food Office: 5

SOUTHERN AREA

MEAT & FISH	
Beef, fresh	9½ lbs.
Mutton, fresh	1½ lbs.
Fish, fresh	22 st. 5 lbs.
Bacon, smoked	68½ lbs. 10 ozs.
Boiled Ham	20½ lbs.

TINNED MEATS	
Sausage Meat	4½ lbs.
Pork Luncheon Meat	76¾ lbs.
Chopped Ham	28½ lbs.
Corned Beef	174¾ lbs.
Meat Roll	10 lbs.
Meat Pudding	1 tin
Stewed Steak	2 lbs.

TINNED FISH	
Salmon	8 tins
Sardines	2 ,,
Pilchards	13 ,,
Herrings	7 ,,

TINNED FRUIT	
Plums	8 tins

TINNED VEGETABLES	
Peas	1 tin
Beans	5 tins

TINNED MILK	
Condensed	16 tins
Evaporated	2 ,,

VARIOUS	
Fresh Butter	24 lbs
Marmalade	10 lbs
Jam	1 lbs
Macaroni	84 lbs.
Dried Prunes	17 lbs.
Ox Tongue in glass	1
Semolina	28 lbs.

SHOPS ACTS.

The work under the Shops Acts is undertaken by the Sanitary Inspectors.

During the year the following work has been carried out:—

Southern Area: 28 inspections were made. One warning was given as to closing hours, and the floor of one shop was repaired.

Northern Area: 42 inspections were made. Three verbal notices as to the display of Notices were complied with.

Two changes in the early closing day were applied for and granted by the Council.

CAMPING SITES.

In the Southern Area only one Camping Site was in use, a licence in respect of this being granted for two persons only.

In the Northern Area one licence was issued in respect of six caravans on one site.

A schoolboys' camp was held at Leigh in August for 60 boys together with the staff.

There was no concentration of campers, the highest number in both areas being 65 during the "peak" week.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

Informal action in the Northern Area resulted in the abatement of a nuisance from smoke.

No action was necessary in the Southern Area.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

It was not found necessary to institute legal proceedings to enforce the abatement of a nuisance.

ADOPTIVE ACTS & BYE-LAWS.

No Acts or Bye-laws were adopted during the year.

DEATHS REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR 1943.

Cause of Death	Males.	Females.	Total.
Typhoid fever	...	...	...
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever...	...	...	...
Whooping Cough	...	...	...
Diphtheria	...	...	...
Tuberculosis of Respiratory system	7	2	9
Other Tuberculous diseases ...	1	...	1
Syphyilitic Diseases	1	1	2
Influenza	5	5	10
Measles	...	...	...
Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...
Acute Infantile Encephalitis ...	...	...	...
Cancer of Bronchial Cavity ...	3	4	7
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	4	3	7
Cancer of the Breast	...	9	9
Cancer, all other forms	16	19	35
Diabetes	...	...	...
Intra cranial vesc. lesions ...	19	43	62
Heart disease...	50	42	92
Other diseases of circulatory system	5	7	12
Bronchitis	15	9	24
Pneumonia	12	10	22
Other respiratory diseases	3	2	5
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum...	1	...	1
Diarrhœa (under two years) ...	1	...	1
Appendicitis	1	1	2
Other digestive diseases	4	3	7
Nephritis	5	1	6
Post and post-abort. sepsis... ...	...	...	...
Other maternal causes	...	1	1
Premature Birth	2	3	5
Congenital malformation and birth injury	6	2	8
Suicide	1	2	3
Road traffic accidents	2	1	3
Other violent causes	3	2	5
All Other causes	11	12	23
TOTALS ...	178	184	362